

JANUARY 15, 1807.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

A Bill,

For the defence of the mouth of the Mississippi, and for the protection of New Orleans, and its dependencies.

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1 Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in congress assembled,* That for the
3 fortifying of such position, or positions, on the river Mississippi,
4 below the city of New Orleans, and on the Bayou St. John and lake
5 Pontchartrain, as the president of the United States shall designate,
6 and for the equipping and maintaining a suitable naval force on the
7 river and lake aforesaid, for the defence and protection of the said
8 city and its dependencies, a sum, not exceeding dol-
9 lars, to be expended under the direction of the secretary at war, and
10 the secretary of the navy, be, and the same hereby is appropriated,
11 to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appro-
12 priated.